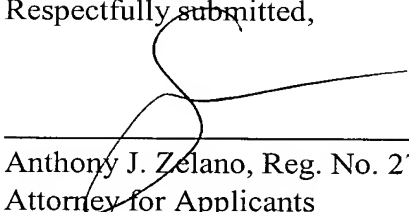


REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 6 to 8 have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) Etching solutions according to Claims 1 to ~~5~~, comprising water in an amount of from 1 to 20% by weight.
7. (Amended) Etching solutions according to Claims 1 to ~~6~~, comprising a mixture of high-purity individual components.
8. (Amended) Use of the etching solutions according to Claims 1 to ~~6~~ for the selective etching of doped silicate layers.